

NOTE

New synonymy in the genus *Anisops* Spinola
(Notonectidae: Heteroptera)

Anisops nasuta (Fieber) is a very widespread species in the Indo-Pacific Region. N. Nieser and P. Chen (1991, Tijdschrift voor Entomologie 134: 57) give its range as "India and Sri Lanka through China and Indochina to Australia and Samoa." Recently Gou-Qing Liu and Le-yi Zheng (1990, Acta Zootaxonomica Sinica 15: 351) described a new species, *Anisops protracta*, and compared it to *A. kuroiwai* Matsumura and *A. nasuta*. Their description of the head of "*A. nasuta*" is not correct, matching instead that of *A. sardea* Herrich-Schäffer, whereas the splendid figures and description of their new species *protracta* match *nasuta* in every respect, thus *Anisops protracta* Liu & Zheng

1990 is here placed as a junior synonym of *Anisops nasuta* (Fieber, 1851) (New Synonymy). In response to a query, Dr. Zheng informed me that the comparison was made with determined material furnished to their laboratory; it is quite apparent that in this material *A. sardea* was unfortunately wrongly labelled as *A. nasuta*.

This synonymy is needed for the Catalogue of Palearctic Heteroptera (B. Aukema and C. Rieger, editors) now being prepared for publication by myself and others.

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